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29 January 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: PP/PP/PLANS

SUBJECT : Psychological and Sociological Components of Soviet
Satellite Vulnerabilities and Vulnerabilities of
Other Tension Areas. Catalog of Source Materials,
collected in the Pilot Study on Yugoslavia, by the
Institute of East European Studies, Indiana University.

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1. [] of the Psychological Strategy Board made
an oral request to me for our evaluation of subject material and
for our opinion as to the merits of a continued subsidy of the
project. I referred the catalog to [] our Yugoslav
expert, for review. His comments follow:

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a. This extensive and elaborate research project is
based on data obtained from individuals leaving Yugoslavia,
primarily as refugees from the Communist regime. It is
doubtful if this material is currently, or ever will be, of
significant use to the Agency, although it conceivably could
be used in the preparation of limited operational briefs or
support material.

b. As background data for those engaged in the intelli-
gence work on Yugoslavia, the three volumes submitted for
review are of questionable value and, furthermore, appear to
duplicate research already done, e.g., NIS Studies which pro-
vide more comprehensive content and coverage as basic briefing
materials. The arrangement of material in this catalog
(following an outline form which results in a long inventory
of subjects for each interrogation report) is a further dis-
advantage, merely adding to the already bulky files on the
area. A more useful and informative arrangement would have
been to present a basic abstract for each interrogation.

c. The biographic compilation (pps. 60-75) which contains
an index to reports on leading Yugoslav personages, is the only
section which might be of use to the Political Action Division

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or other divisions of this Agency. Many of the reporters, as former colleagues and current critics of some of these persons, gave information not previously uncovered. Generally these biographies in Yugoslav cover three to five pages. Although their translation would not seem warranted, it is recommended that the appropriate CE section obtain papers for safekeeping and possible future reference.

See Hefschultz
d. It is the considered opinion of the Political Action Division that the actual or potential usefulness of the end product of this research is not commensurate with the effort and expenditure which would be required to complete it.

2. It is requested that you forward to [] through normal Agency channels the essence of [] remarks.

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